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In re Patent Application of:
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that this Response to Non-Final Office Action be entered in the above-identified application file as follows:¹

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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¹ The original Office Action was mailed September 22, 2006. However, due to the delay in the Patent Office's acceptance of a Power of Attorney for Applicants' representatives, the Examiner issued a new Office Action cover page dated November 15, 2006. The Examiner confirmed in telephone call on November 21, 2006 that the 3-month deadline for responding to the outstanding Office Action is now February 15, 2007.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.